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**NH Insurance Department Announces Public Hearing Dates for Section 1332 Waiver Plan**

**CONCORD, NH** – Earlier this month, Governor Sununu [announced](#) that the New Hampshire Insurance Department intends to file a Section 1332 State Relief and Empowerment Waiver application with the federal government to promote stability in the state's individual health insurance market. The Department expects that the creation of a state-based reinsurance program could reduce 2021 premiums for the individual health insurance market by approximately 15%, over what they would have been otherwise.

Obtaining public input is an important part of the process for developing the waiver application. The Insurance Department will hold two public hearings on the proposed reinsurance program and application for federal funding:

- White Mountain Community College – North Conway Academic Center, 2541 White Mountain Highway, North Conway, NH on Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
  - Register for the event [here](#).
  - Inclement weather meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
  - Find directions [here](#).
- Fred H. Brown Building Auditorium, 129 Pleasant St, Concord, NH on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
  - Register for the event [here](#).
  - Inclement weather meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
  - Find directions [here](#).

Copies of the draft waiver application will be posted on the Department's website in advance of the public hearings so that residents will have the opportunity to review and comment on the plan. The Department will accept oral comment at the public hearings and written comment for 30 days from the date the notice is posted.

People with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or service, or alternative communication formats in order to participate in the process should contact Eireann Sibley at (603) 271- 3781 or [eireann.sibley@ins.nh.gov](mailto:eireann.sibley@ins.nh.gov), or call TDD at 1 (800) 735-2964 no later than March 24, 2020 to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

To sign up for updates on New Hampshire's Section 1332 Waiver application, register [here](#).

**About the New Hampshire Insurance Department**

The New Hampshire Insurance Department's mission is to promote and protect the public good by ensuring the existence of a safe and competitive insurance marketplace through the development and enforcement of the insurance laws of the State of New Hampshire. Contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding your insurance coverage at 1-800- 852-3416 or (603) 271-2261, or by email at [consumerservices@ins.nh.gov](mailto:consumerservices@ins.nh.gov). For more information, visit [www.nh.gov/insurance](http://www.nh.gov/insurance).

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